IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO)

Serial Number	10/693,004
Confirmation Number	9356
Filing Date	10/24 2003
Title of Application	Architecture for Distributed Computing System and Automated Design Deployment and Management of Distributed Applications
First Named Inventor	Galen C. Hunt
Assignee	Microsoft Corporation
Group Art Unit	2167
Examiner	Nirav K. Khakhar
Attorney Docket Number	MS1-1776US
Nature of the Office Communication to which this is responding	Non-Final Office Action
Date of the Office Communication	12/12/2007
Nature of this Document	Response to Non-Final Office Action

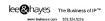
To: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria VA 22313-1450

From: Clay D. Hagler (Tel. 509-324-9256; Fax 509-323-8979) **Customer No. 22801**

Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response

In a telephone discussion on 11 June 2008, Examiner Khakhar [0001] indicated that the proposed amendments would overcome the 101 rejections. He also discussed amendments to overcome the 102 rejections. Amendments are presented herein based on the discussion with the Examiner.



[0002] This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.